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In re Application of : Angelopoulos, et al.

Serial Number : 09/036,458

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Examiner : T. Yoon

Group Art Unit : 1714

For : METHODS OF PROCESSING AND
SYNTHESIZING ELECTRICALLY CONDUCTIVE
POLYMERS AND PRECURSORS THEREOF TO
FORM ELECTRICALLY CONDUCTIVE
POLYMERS HAVING HIGH ELECTRICAL
CONDUCTIVITY

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Hon. Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences
United States Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

Appellants respectfully petition this Honorable Board to take the following action with respect to the instant application on Appeal:

1. Remand this case to the Examiner in Group Art Unit 1714 so that prosecution on this application can commence *de novo*, and authorize the Examiner to issue a "first" Official Action commensurate in substantive scope to that which the Examiner details in his "*Examiner's Answer*" dated May 9, 2003; or in the alternative;

2. Strike all portions of the *Examiner's Answer* in its consideration of same on the merits, which portions exceed the scope of the content of the rejections that the Examiner issued in the Official Actions during the course of the prosecution of this case, and which rejections were never articulated in the course of the prosecution of this case until the Examiner's Answer was received.